

Gunnison Pro Challenge COURIER

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Gunnison Stage 3 named The Queen Stage

It's official Stage 3 Gunnison to Monarch Mountain has been named The Queen Stage of the Pro Challenge. The Queen Stage is determined by pro riders and the media as the toughest stage of the Tour. In the three years that Gunnison has hosted the Pro Challenge we have had the honor of being The Queen Stage Start! Once a Queen, always a Queen.



The photo to the right is not photoshopped - that is a huge crown at the Gunnison Whitewater Park. (Thank you Gunnison Ironworks/Brad Westring and OffCenter Design/Kirsten Dickey for the quick help!) Watch for our crown around town - follow the Flat Stanley!

Get Close

Bid on a seat for two in an official VIP car in the race caravan in the USA Pro Challenge! Start with entry to the VIP Start Lounge - rub elbows with the racers in autograph alley Watch the start in Gunnison then hop in your car with your friend for a ride of a lifetime chasing the peloton, being right in the race! You'll experience the Finish Festival at Monarch Mountain and then transportation back to Gunnison. The starting bid is \$775. Get in on the bidding on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GunnisonQPC>. Post your bid in the comment section. Watch your bid, make sure you line up your friend and seal that adventure!

VOLUNTEER for Stage 3 - Gunnison Start

The event requires hundreds of volunteers from our community. Volunteer to help with the Gunnison Stage! Go to our website www.gunnisonprochallenge.com to sign up!



Community ride a success

35 cycles took to the Taylor Canyon on beautiful June 21st for Gunnison's Community Pro Challenge Ride. Locals and visitors from the Bicycle Tour of Colorado rode the 40 miles course with an aid station at Three Rivers Resort. Jeff Weak won the 2 VIP Tickets to the Stage 3 on August 20th and Reed Meredith won a West Elk Road Club jersey donated by the organization. Thank you to all who participated and supported this ride.

Get a Roundtrip Ride to the Finish Party on Monarch

Take a Shuttle Bus (Alpine Express) to Monarch Mountain for the Stage 3 finish!! The price is \$10 per individual and seats are limited so don't delay. The shuttle will leave Gunnison at 1:15 PM on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 and return to Gunnison at approximately 5:00 PM. To purchase your ticket go to www.gunnisonprochallenge.com



Women's Pro Racing too!

Girls Night Out Gran Prix is our big ancillary event this year - 1st annual! Women's road racing will be Sunday, August 17 evening with a Criterium in Downtown Gunnison and Monday, August 18 evening Time Trial starting at Three Rivers Resort and ending in Crested Butte. Get all the details at www.girlsnightoutgranprix.com

Stage 3 Schedule

Festival opens	9AM
Team arrival and Autograph alley	10:15AM
Start Ceremonies	11:10AM
Race Start- 3 laps through Gunnison before heading east	11:25AM
Race the Peloton (open to the public)	11:50AM
Kids Strider Race	Noon



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